

ABSTRACT

This invention relates to sending video and voice or other continuous data over a network, such as the Internet, to subscribers' terminals. The invention uses a standard web server supporting an HTTP protocol, which is adapted to send consecutive video files to subscribers' terminals directly, or via a proxy. The server receives the encoded video data arranged into consecutive packets from a video provider's encoding element. The subscriber's terminal sends a request for the video desired to the web server or the proxy. As a response, the terminal receives the index file that contains the information of the current video file. When the subscriber's terminal knows the current video file, it can request the web browser to send, the first file. The subscriber's terminal can directly request the following files belonging to the video presentation.